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Graduation day grief

Loss. At a graduation ceremony Thursday, Gregory Burnside will be sadly missed as his diploma is expected to be handed to his grief-stricken father, who is still searching for his killer. PAGE 02

Gregory Burnside, III, was shot and killed in Southwest Philadelphia in January. His dad wants answers. / CHARLES MOSTOLLER, METRO

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Graduation day leaves one father heartbroken

Tragedy. A Grays Ferry family is left mourning the teenage son who was gunned down in broad daylight six months ago.

Gregory Burnside points to pictures of his son, Gregory Burnside III, at his home in Southwest Philadelphia. / CHARLES MOSTOLLER, METRO

At a graduation ceremony on Thursday, one student who can't be there will be honored with a diploma representing a short life's aspirations.

Gregory Burnside III died outside his Southwest Philly home in a hail of gunfire about 2 p.m. on Jan. 7 — the day before his 19th birthday.

Six months later, the murder remains unsolved.

Burnside had just left home, and was on Glenmore Avenue walking to the corner store to get a sandwich when he was shot, said his father, Gregory Burnside.

"He said, 'Dad, we're gonna turn it up. I'm gonna be 19 tomorrow.' He ran out the house," Burnside recalled inside that same home, on Gray Avenue near 61st Street.

"It wasn't even five minutes and I heard the gunshots. I just froze. Something inside me said, 'That is your son. That's your son out there.' All I could do was just pray."

Burnside left behind two young daughters, who were both just months old when he died. He had just finished course-work at Performance Learning Center in Southwest Philly for his diploma, and had applied to join the U.S. Marines — his lifelong ambition.

"He was a good kid. He made it. Me and him struggled to get to this point. Everything I didn't have, I made sure he had it."

Burnside Sr. moved his sons, Gregory Burnside Jr. and Gregory Burnside III, into their Grays Ferry home on January 1, 2000, to get out of a rat-infested home in West Philly, he said.

He recalled his younger son loving basketball and football as he grew up attending Thomas G. Morton Elementary and Bartram High School, describing him as "humble, open-minded and teachable."

Burnside Sr. said his son had no involvement in illegal activity. He got into trouble for fighting at one point, but worked hard to return to school and get his diploma, Burnside Sr. said.

"That was a great kid. He was just doing everything that he was supposed to do."

But in their neighborhood, violence is all too common.

On the New Year's Day before the murder, Burnside's cousin Gilbert Burnside, 24, was shot multiple times, losing sight in one eye and requiring five plates and six screws in his right arm, he said.

"I was about to get surgery on my eye, he called and said he was coming to visit me at the hospital," Gilbert said. "An hour later, I got the call. He had been shot."

"He was a kid. Took care of his family. He wasn't a killer or nothing like that. You didn't have to shoot him."

Burnside Sr. said he feels like his son's murder has been ignored by media and authorities.

"I still haven't even talked to police. Nobody ever interviewed me," Burnside Sr. said. "I've never been prejudiced against nothing. This is the first time I feel prejudice, and it's against my own city. I love this city, but it was a real letdown. It was like, 'Is this what happens?'"

Police say Burnside's murder, which was sparked by an unspecified altercation, is still under investigation, but they have no leads and need the public's assistance. Tipsters could get a $20,000 reward for information leading to the killer's arrest.

"Our homicide detectives never stop working a case," Officer Tanya Little said.

Quoted

"They emptied a whole clip on him like he was a stone cold criminal. He's running. He doesn't want to be shot. That didn't help him. They shot him in the back. You know when you weather a storm? And you get through it. And then, you just become powerless."

Burnside

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Highlights. SoLow up close in this week's edition of City Paper

For this week's Philadelphia City Paper cover, theater writer Mark Cofta explores the upcoming SoLow Festival, a 10-day performing arts festival with an edge.

In music, Bill Ricchini and Andrew Lipke have nothing to do with each other, but they do have a few things in common. They're both singers and songwriters based in Philadelphia. Each makes smartly literate rock 'n' roll. And they're both celebrating the release of their new albums this Saturday. A.D. Amorosi interviews them both.

Restaurant critic Adam Erace raves about the food and the service at Heritage, the handsome, wood-clad Northern Liberties newcomer. It was when the foie gras arrived at his table, he says, that he locked in Heritage as one of his personal top 10 restaurants. CITY PAPER

This week's City Paper

Losing out

Atlantic City topped US job losses

Atlantic County, home of New Jersey's struggling gambling hub Atlantic City, lost a higher percentage of jobs last year than any other big county in the United States, U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics data showed on Wednesday.

Among the largest 339 U.S. counties, Atlantic suffered the steepest drop, a 5 percent decline in employment year-over-year through December 2014, the Quarterly Census of Employment and Wages showed.

In the United States overall, employment was 2.2 percent higher for the year ending in the fourth quarter, the BLS said, and it rose in 319 of the counties.

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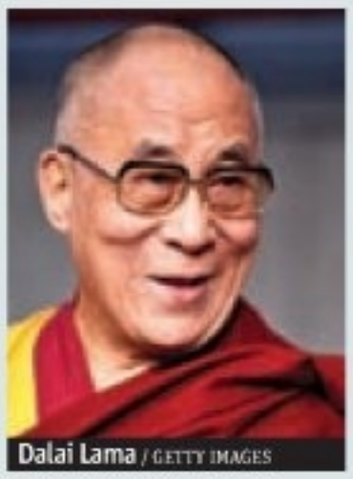
Constitution Center

Dalai Lama to receive next Liberty Medal

Not long after the Holy Father, His Holiness will be coming to Philadelphia.

The Dalai Lama will be honored with the Constitution Center's Liberty Medal at the annual ceremony in October — one month after Pope Francis is scheduled to visit Philadelphia for the World Meeting of Families.


Dalai Lama / GETTY IMAGES

"In his advocacy for Tibetans and for human rights worldwide, the Dalai Lama has always emphasized the ideals of freedom, dialogue and tolerance," said National Constitution Center president and CEO Jeffrey Rosen.

"For this reason, he embodies the spirit of the Liberty Medal, which aims to honor men and women who strive to secure such blessings of liberty to people around the globe."

The Dalai Lama, who received the Nobel Peace Prize in 1989, is the spiritual leader of Tibet.

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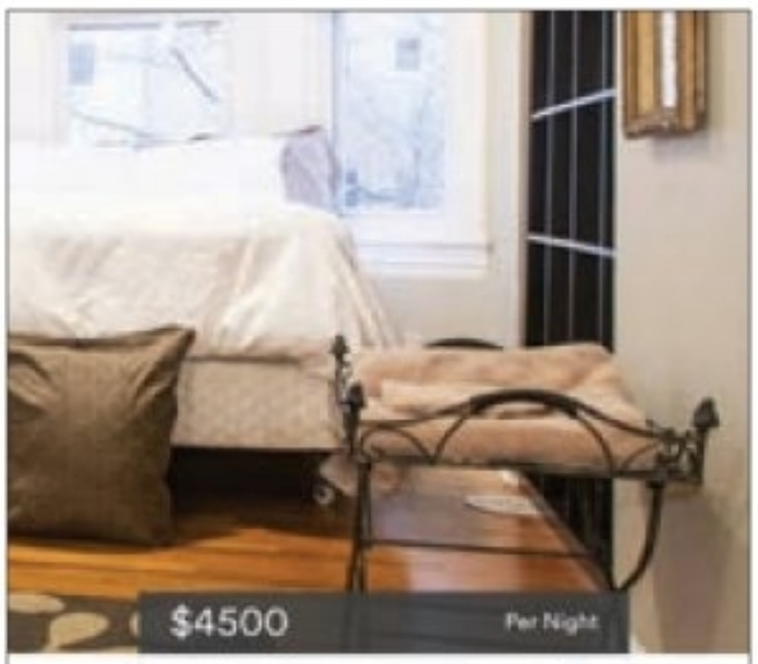

A local listing for the papal visit / PROVIDED

Pope helps Airbnb prices soar as new tax looms

Revenue. The city is preparing to pass a new rental tax just months ahead of the papal visit.

The World Meeting of Families and the Pope will draw possibly the biggest crowds Philadelphia has ever seen — driving up demand for hotel rooms and private homes.

While Philly hotel rooms top out around $900 a night for the World Meeting of Families, on Airbnb, rentals in Philadelphia are going for as much as $10,000 a night.

Such high prices could also be a boon for city coffers. The City Council will vote Thursday, their last session before the summer recess, on a bill that would add an 8.5 percent city tax to rentals through services like Airbnb, set to take effect in July.

People familiar with the bill believe it will pass unanimously.

"Generally speaking, I think it is fair, although the timing is a little suspicious," said Andrew Schrage, co-owner of Money Crashers Personal Finance, of the new tax.

"The 8.5 percent tax is comparable, if not more lenient, than in other cities for Airbnb rentals. In Washington, D.C., it's anywhere from 5 percent to 14.5 percent. It's 11.5 percent in Portland, and it's 14 percent in San Francisco."

Queens Village resident Julia Giacoboni, who plans to list her home on Airbnb, said the upcoming "Popeapalooza" is a rare opportunity for homeowners and that the tax feels unfair.

"I think it's a shame that it's kind of in retaliation to people doing this for this one event," she said. "We're not in competition with hotels; we're not going to put them out of business."

West Philly resident Daniel Wolf said he's thought about posting his living space on Airbnb. But he understands the motivation for a tax.

"It makes sense for Airbnb users to pay their share. I'm really happy to find new sources of revenue for the city," he said. "It's a poor city; it's constantly struggling to keep up services, so this is just another way for them to raise money."

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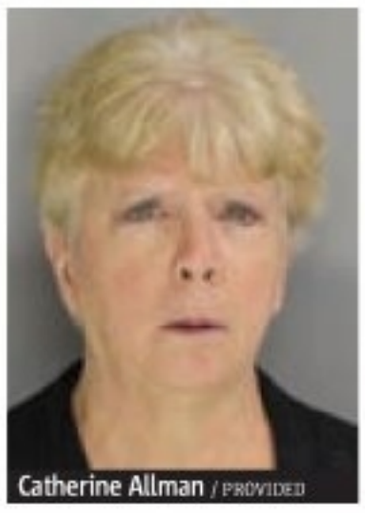
Accused. DA: Bank manager stole $400,000 from elderly and dead

A branch manager at Iron Workers Bank in Aston has been accused of stealing $439,000 from the bank accounts of eight elderly and dead women over 10 years.

Catherine Allman, 60, of the 500 block of Walnut Lane in Philadelphia, is charged with theft by unlawful taking or disposition, receiving stolen property, forgery-unauthorized act in writing, theft by deception, criminal use of communication facility, identity theft and other theft-related charges.

The investigation began in August 2014, when a lawyer handling the estate of a deceased client noticed a transaction in the client's bank account that occurred about a month after the client had died.


Catherine Allman / PROVIDED

The lawyer contacted the bank branch in Chadds Ford. The manager there noticed that the client's address had been changed to Allman's address.

When bank executives got involved, Allman left for the day and never returned to work.

County detectives determined that Allman's mother or one of her relatives had accounts at the bank, and that Allman simply transferred money to them. From there, she transferred the money to her own bank account at Wells Fargo.

Allman was arrested Monday. Bail was set at $100,000.

DAN KELLEY

Janitors on the march

About 100 janitors, all members of the SEIU 32BJ service workers union, marched through Center City to the Pennsylvania Convention Center to denounce unfair employment practices on Wednesday. The rally was meant to mark the 25th anniversary of a rally on June 15, 1990 in Los Angeles, when janitors protesting were injured by police officers breaking up the protest.

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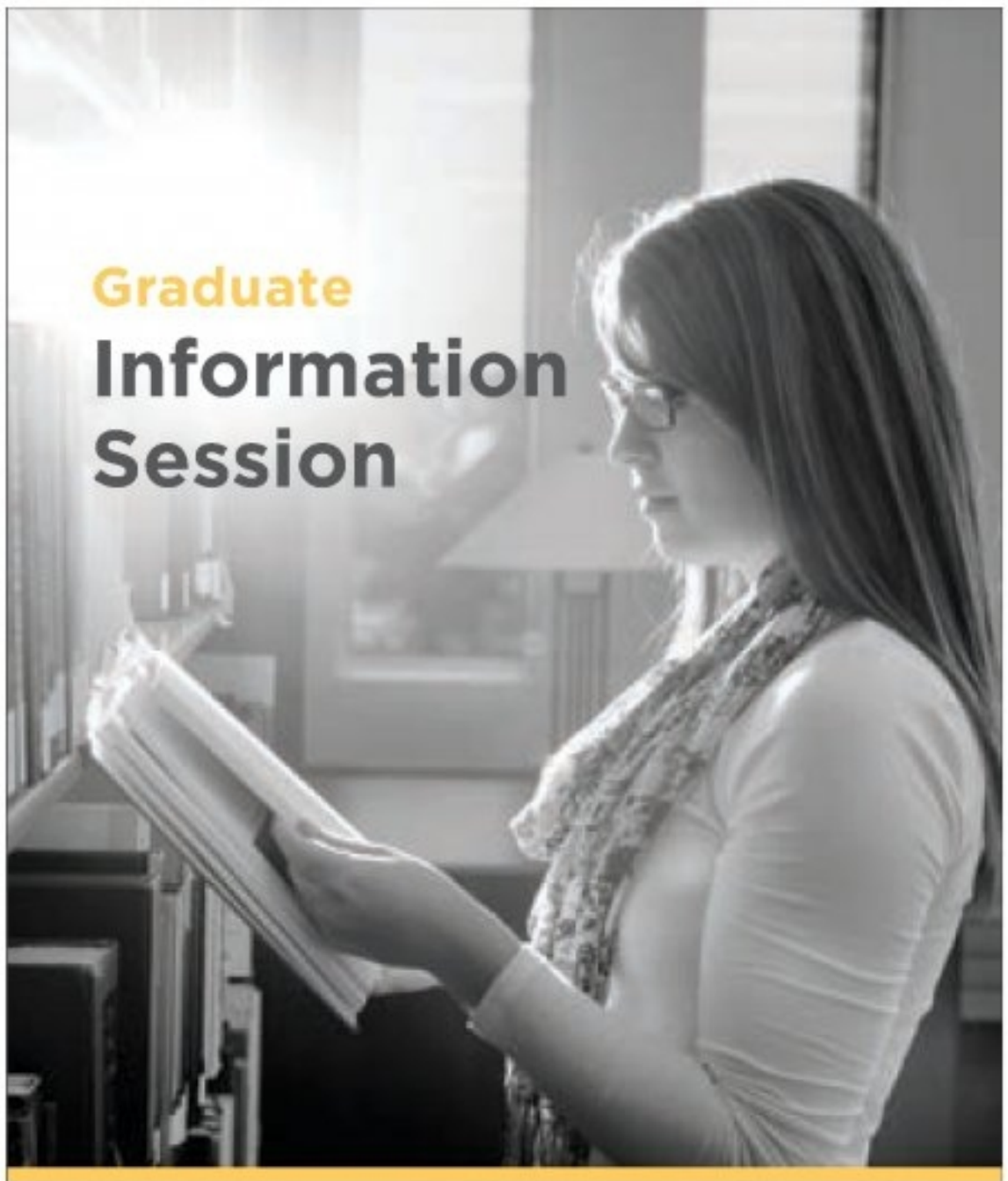

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100-foot-high piles of filthy snow in Boston won't melt until July

Vile. The wrath of one of the worst winters in Mass. history lingers in disgusting piles that will last into July.

DPW crews are still working to clear the snow farm that remains in the Seaport District of Boston. / NICOLAUS CZARNECKI, METRO

You would think a snow farm from February wouldn't have a snowman's chance in hell of hanging around until July.

But if you venture down to Tide Street in the Seaport or get off I-90 at the Allston/Brighton exit, you'll see the remainders of the most historic snowfall in Massachusetts since 1827.

They are vile mounds of filth decorated with city grime and household garbage. The wrath of February's blizzards often arrived on Sunday nights and with Monday being trash and recycling pickup days for many neighborhoods, much of the garbage was buried in several feet of snow each week.

"Right now, we've disposed of about 130 tons of trash and debris," Department of Public Works employee Danny Nee said. "Nothing about what is down [at the Seaport farm] is normal or has been done before. Usually we get some garbage when we plow, but the size and scope of this year was impossible to predict."

There were at least eight massive piles of blizzard bounty, most of them around 100 feet high and as wide as every vacant lot that housed them.

As we approach mid-June, the remnants are holding strong, and you can expect them to stay put past the Fourth of July.

Quoted

"If you were going to tell me we'd be dealing with snow farms in mid-June into July? Give me a break. I'd say that's impossible." Danny Nee

"First off, if you were going to tell me we were going to get 10 feet of snow in 25 days, I'd have said you were nuts," Nee said. "Then if you were going to tell me we'd be dealing with snow farms in mid-June into July? Give me a break. I'd say that's impossible."

The DPW was reluctant to dump the snow piles into the ocean, even though they got the green light to do so after the second storm.

So instead, crews worked 24/7 to pile snow on top of piles in order to clear precious space for, you guessed it, more snow.

Each storm had DPW workers certain that they were maxed out and had no more space for more snow. After each storm, they surprised themselves by making more room.

The foul pile in the Seaport has shrunk by about 25 percent in the last two weeks, but the warmer weather doesn't facilitate the melting process the way one might guess.

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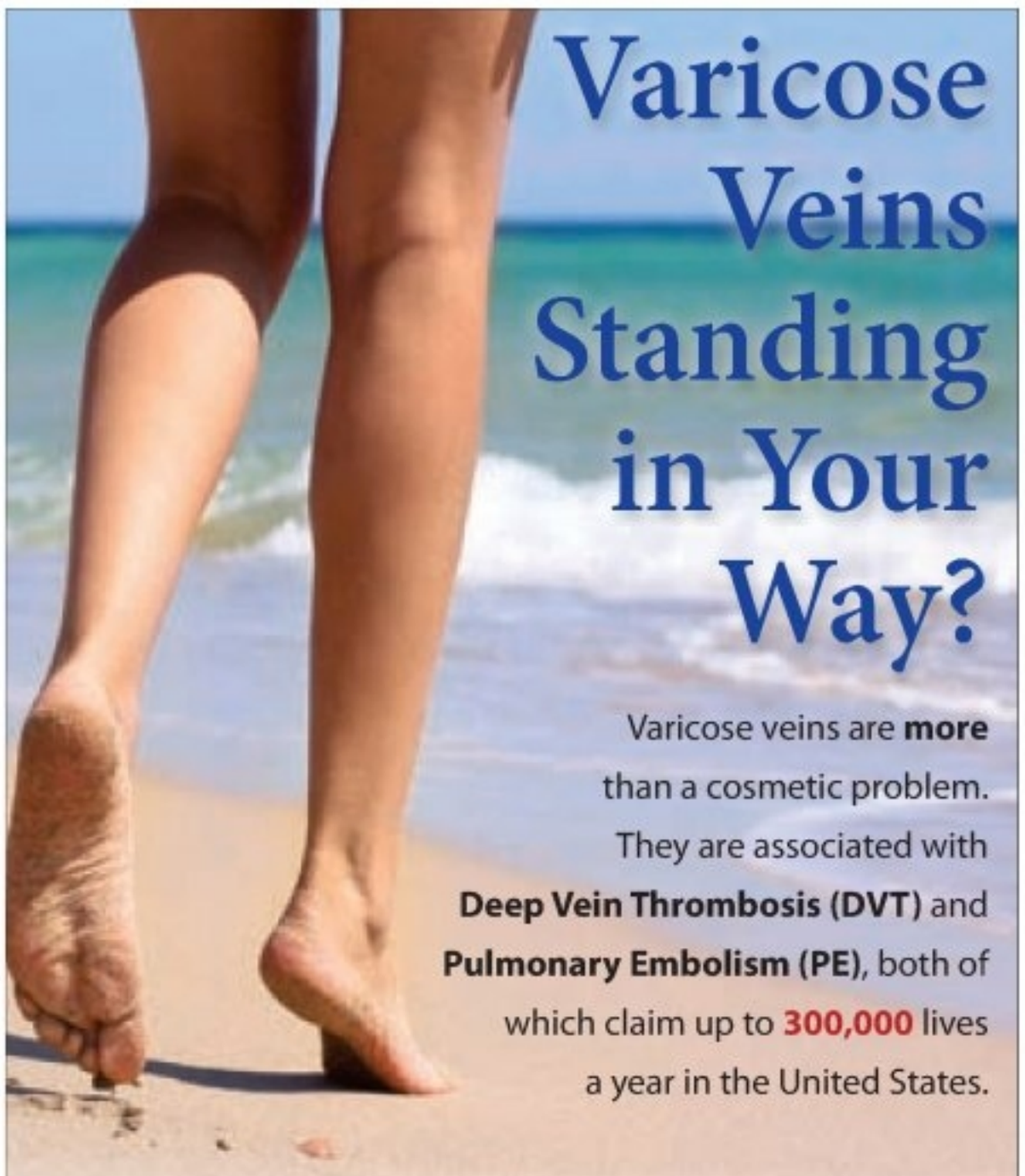

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Billy Joel bumped for the Pope at MSG in New York

Piano man. Billy Joel has switched his concert night.

Billy Joel is movin' out to make way for the Pope!

The New York singer, who is supposed to have a monthly regular residency at Madison Square Garden, has been bumped off the stage by the pontiff for his date in September.

Joel was set to perform on Sept. 25 at MSG, but organizers announced this week he'd be switched to the next night so that Pope Francis can appear on the same day he is expected to address the United Nations.

Only a handful of concerts and events have ever been rescheduled at the Garden, but organizers were willing to make an exception for the Pope, who has a packed schedule while touring the U.S. for the first time since being elected at the top of the Vatican.

While the Pope's schedule has yet to be officially confirmed, he is expected to arrive in the U.S. on Sept. 22. He will address Congress and deliver a mass in Washington, D.C., before stops in New York and Philadelphia.

Joel broke the news by tweeting to his fans that the concert had been rescheduled with an accompanying photo of Pope Francis, leading fans to commend him for his "graciousness." METRO

Odds. Bookmakers bet escapees will be caught within a month

Will escaped killers Richard Matt and David Sweat stay free?

Don't bet on it. That's what the bookies at MyTopSportsbooks.com are saying, at least.

Even though the manhunt is now in its 13th day, analysts from the betting website think the odds that Matt and Sweat will be caught are a measly 1-10.

Bookmakers have very little faith in the two men who cut their way through a steel wall out of Clinton Correctional Facility in Dannemora, New York, on June 6, with the odds that the escapees will be picked up one month from their escape at 1-2.

The odds that they will be arrested in one to three months are at 4-1 and more than a year after their escape are 75-1.

The bookmaker predicts that they are most likely to get picked up stealing a car, at 8-1. Checking into a hotel came in at 10-1, robbing a bank at 50-1 and with their pants down at 1000-1.

Female prison worker Joyce Mitchell is currently in custody for helping the inmates escape, and prosecutors said on Wednesday that she discussed with the convicts a murder-for-hire plot against her husband.

Mitchell and the two men, whom she has been linked to romantically, discussed a plan to kill her husband, Lyle Mitchell, Clinton County District Attorney Andrew Wylie told reporters. REUTERS, METRO

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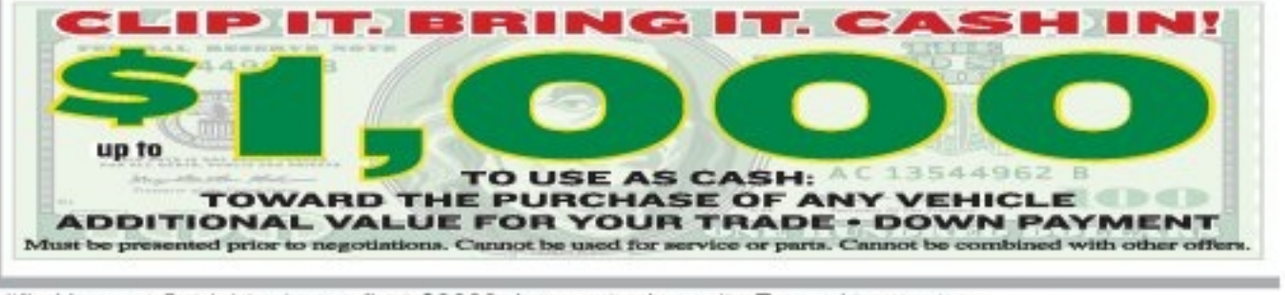
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Five things you need to know

1 Uber driver is employee, not contractor: California Labor Commission

A San Francisco-based driver for smartphone-based ride-hailing service Uber is an employee, not a contractor, according to a ruling by the California Labor Commission.

The ruling was the latest in a host of legal and regulatory challenges facing Uber and other highly valued startups in the U.S. and other countries.

The commission said Uber is "involved in every aspect of the operation."

Classifying Uber drivers as employees opens the company up to considerably higher costs, including Social Security, workers' compensation and unemployment insurance. That could affect its valuation, currently above $40 billion, and the valuation of other companies that rely on large networks of individuals to provide rides, clean houses and perform other services.

Uber had argued that its drivers are independent contractors, not employees, and that it is "nothing more than a neutral technology platform."

But the commission said Uber controls the tools drivers use, monitors their approval ratings and terminates their access to the system if their ratings fall below 4.6 stars.

The ruling affects only California. The state, however, is Uber's home base and one of its largest markets, and sets a pathway frequently followed by regulators and courts in other states. REUTERS

2 Fed says US economy still strong enough to handle rate hike

The economy is growing moderately and likely strong enough to support an interest rate increase by the end of the year, Federal Reserve Bank officials indicated.

The economy is on track to grow between 1.8 percent and 2.0 percent this year, down from the 2.3-2.7 percent range forecast in March, according to the latest policy statement and new projections issued by the central bank.

The Fed also said labor markets continued to improve, although unemployment is expected to be slightly higher at the end of the year than previously forecast in March. REUTERS

3 FAA, Amazon see drone use in a year

U.S. commercial drone operations could take flight on a large scale within a year, as federal regulators finalize rules for widespread operations by companies including Amazon.com, according to congressional testimony.

A Federal Aviation Administration official said the agency expects to finalize regulations over the next 12 months. This would be a substantially shorter period than previous forecasts that had anticipated rules allowing commercial operations by the end of 2016 or the beginning of 2017. REUTERS

4 Washington subway has serious safety shortfalls, regulators say

Washington's troubled subway system suffers from serious safety lapses and needs to improve immediately, the Federal Transit Administration said on Wednesday.

The agency found 54 shortfalls at the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority, or Metro, with all but 10 in its subway, the second-busiest in the U.S., it said in an inspection report.

The sprawling rail-and-bus system is not unsafe but needs to emphasize implementing safety procedures that are already in place, said FTA acting Administrator Therese McMillan. REUTERS

5 Virtual reality dominates at gaming show

Virtual reality gaming, once a distant concept, became the new battleground at this year's E3 industry convention, with developers seeking to win over fans with their immersive headsets and accessories.

Microsoft, Sony and virtual reality company Oculus are squaring off at the Electronic Entertainment Expo in Los Angeles, promoting their virtual reality accessories.

Dan Ackerman, an editor at online technology and consumer electronics review site CNET, said he believed the future for virtual reality might finally be here for consumers. REUTERS

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Georgia. Tiger kills man in Tbilisi after flood destroyed zoo

A tiger, one of dozens of animals that escaped after floods destroyed their zoo in the Georgian capital Tbilisi, killed a man on Wednesday, authorities said, warning that another tiger, a bear and a hyena were still on the loose.

Locals had been told to stay indoors after the flood allowed the animals, including wolves, lions and a hippopotamus, to roam the streets on Sunday.

Most of the animals had been rounded up by Wednesday, but workers who entered a flood-damaged warehouse close to the zoo stumbled across the white tiger, which killed one of them.

"One man was attacked by a wild animal. He is dead," Interior Minister Vakhtang Gomelauri told reporters. Police later shot and killed the tiger.

A woman called emergency services later on Wednesday to report she had seen the remaining tiger in the city center, but police were unable to find it.

Six people are still missing after the floods, which washed away buildings, roads and cars.

The Finance Ministry has estimated the damage at up to $45 million, and government officials are in touch with international donors to discuss aid.

Some experts said the flood was caused by a landslide that occurred during heavy rains that turned the city's river, the Vere, into a torrent. REUTERS

Animals

300

Some 300 animals escaped or died in the floods that also killed at least 19 people. Police killed many animals, including a lion and six wolves, but some of the animals were recaptured alive.

ISIS car bombs injure 50 in Yemeni capital

Smoke rises from Al-Qubbatyn mosque, which belongs to the Houthi Ansarullah movement, after a car bomb attack in Sanaa, Yemen. / GETTY IMAGES

Claim. The Sunni Muslim Islamic State said in a statement posted online it carried out the attacks.

Car bombs killed or injured at least 50 people near mosques and the headquarters of Yemen's dominant Houthi group in Sanaa on Wednesday, in coordinated attacks claimed by Islamic State.

The four blasts rocked the capital as Saudi-led forces conducted more airstrikes against Houthi military bases across Yemen, and delegates attending peace talks in Switzerland reported no progress on the second day of a U.N.-sponsored push for a Ramadan truce.

A security official said at least 50 people were killed or wounded in the attacks on the Hashush mosque, the Kibsi mosque, the al-Qubah al-Khadra mosque and the political bureau of the Ansarullah movement of the Houthis, who belong to the Zaydi sect of Shiite Islam.

"The explosion was so loud, I thought it was caused by an airstrike," said a man in his 70s named Ali, who had just left a mosque when a bomb went off.

"I returned and found cars burning, people screaming and wounded people all over."

"The soldiers of the Islamic State in Yemen, in a wave of military operations as revenge for the Muslims against the Houthi apostates, [detonated] four car bombs near the centers of Houthi apostasy," an Islamic State statement claimed. REUTERS

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Rodent. Man claims to have found fried rat in KFC tenders meal

If you're a big fan of Kentucky Fried Chicken then this story might make you a little squeamish.

A man in California ordered a three-piece chicken tender meal and discovered something in his box that did not taste like KFC's tender white meat.

Devorise Dixon of Watts, California, found an oddly shaped piece of deep-fried food that appears to have the shape of a rat.

According to Dixon's Facebook post, he went to KFC to speak to the manager and she apologized for everything. He plans on taking legal action.

KFC responded to the post, stating they take customer claims seriously and they are in the process of an ongoing investigation.

"KFC takes customer claims very seriously, and we are continuing to investigate this matter. Our chicken tenders often vary in size and shape, and we currently have no evidence to support this claim. We are aggressively trying to reach Mr. Dixon, and we request that he return to the restaurant with the product for testing, or call us at 1-800-Call-KFC."

An oddly shaped piece of deep-fried food that appears to have the shape of a rat. / DEVORISE DIXON OF WATTS

Since Dixon posted the photos and video to his Facebook they have gone viral. If his claim is true, we're positive the "finger lickin' good" fast-food chicken giant will get hit hard with a lawsuit.

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Twitter feed

Today, Mike Tyson is setting the record straight, Jamie Chung is feeling cheated, Chris Hardwick is excited about the future, James Franco is revealing trade secrets and Jeffrey Wright is angling for a campaign gig.

@MikeTyson: I am not going to fight James Toney #Rumor #Ridiculous

@jamiechung1: Hey @TSA at JFK delta terminal, what's the point of going thru the process of getting pre TSA approved if you let random ppl into the line?

@nerdist: I can't wait until I can tweet handsfree using the neural lace I am DEFINITELY going to inject into my brain

@JamesFrancoTV: How do I get so many followers? I just post photos with little dogs.

@jfreewright: Donald Trump's official campaign slogan: "You're all f—ing stupid!!"

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Take that, Hollywood's glass ceiling

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Sadly, this is big news. It shouldn't be, but it is. According to the Hollywood Reporter, an actress in a major studio movie will earn more than her male co-star. That actress is Jennifer Lawrence, yes, so you're probably thinking it's not so surprising. Except that her co-star is Mr. Current Box Office Champ himself, Chris Pratt. The "Hunger Games" star is set to earn $8 million more than the "Jurassic World" star in the upcoming sci-fi flick "Passengers." Which means all gender pay-gap issues have now been obliterated, and we never have to talk about it again because equality yay, right? Oh wait, you mean one instance of someone super-famous earning a lot of money doesn't solve everything? Dang. But still, good for J.Law.

Charlize Theron and Sean Penn call it quits

Well, that was fast. Charlize Theron and Sean Penn have reportedly broken up, calling off their engagement after a year and a half of dating. Theron, according to Us Weekly's sources, was apparently the one to do the dumping. Sad news, sure, but I can't say I'm all that surprised. A previously marriage-averse star comes out of a nearly decade-long relationship (to Stuart Townsend), jumps into a new one and then is engaged in practically no time? Those are not what some in the head-shrinking profession would call stable, long-term decision-making conditions. Also, Penn was super-open and effusive about the relationship (by his standards) in the press, so you just knew something was up. Still, tough break, kids.

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Emma Stone has something to confess

YOU WON'T SEE THESE LADIES TOGETHER ON THE BIG SCREEN ANYTIME SOON.

While we debate the "are they or aren't they" factor of Emma Stone and mumble-y, bearded, British sometimes-boyfriend Andrew Garfield, there's some career-related news about Stone that's just as intriguing — and downright shocking, honestly. Stone confesses to WSJ Magazine that she passed up the chance to be in the new all-female "Ghostbusters" team led by Kristen Wiig and Melissa McCarthy. Excuse me? "The script was really funny. It just didn't feel like the right time for me. A franchise is a big commitment — it's a whole thing," she says. "I think maybe I need a minute before I dive back into that water." Sure, but … it's "Ghostbusters." Who wouldn't want to be a Ghostbuster?

Daily video

COLLEGEHUMOR, YOUTUBE

Rethinking '80s movie pranks

As the guys from "Entourage" recently learned all too painfully, society changes in ways that make some forms of humor seem out of touch and — as College Humor points out in this video — downright rape-y. Each and every idea from films like "Revenge of the Nerds," "Porkies" and "Police Academy" turns out to be "technically a sex crime." Who knew? So how do they compare to pranks from this more modern, enlightened era? Spoiler alert: We haven't actually come all that far.

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The odds-on favorite for the next Bond

Man, Daniel Craig must be getting tired of everyone always talking about when he's going to be done with playing James Bond. First there was all that Idris Elba talk and now this: A British bookie says the best odds at the moment are on "Homeland" star Damian Lewis being tapped as the next 007, according to the Telegraph. "Bets have been placed on him succeeding Daniel Craig. This is an unprecedented gamble, as for no apparent reason we have seen bets up to £200 on Damian Lewis being named as the next James Bond. This might well be significant," William Hill tells the newspaper. "Damian Lewis hadn't seen any interest in the betting until this weekend, but an absolute landslide in bets has forced us to cut the odds." Sure, but if he gets the part does that mean all the films will be about whether or not we can really trust him? Not because of his "Homeland" work, but because he's, you know, a ginger?

Finally, it's happened to me

DeLaria clowns around with Taryn Manning in Season 3 of "Orange Is the New Black," now streaming. / NETFLIX

Netflix. Patience has paid off for Lea DeLaria.

Lea DeLaria's experience with the Netflix hit "Orange Is the New Black" has been a bit of an emotional roller coaster, to put it mildly. In fact, she started her relationship with the series by auditioning and not getting the gig.

"Big Boo wasn't even really a character. I auditioned for them twice, and they said, 'There isn't a part for you,'" says DeLaria, who took that news rather hard. "I mean, I literally quit show business at that point. I screamed at my manager, and I moved to my house in London, England, where I have a really good singing career. But by the time I got there, there were a thousand messages on the machine saying, 'You have to come back because they've created a role for you.' And they really did."

Before long, Big Boo was, in fact, very much a character, and the show was a breakout hit. "They just kept writing these amazing things for her, and I was having the time of my life with this great group of people," she says. "And the next thing we know, we're picked up for Season 4, and there's a SAG Award sitting on my mantle. It's crazy."

The pinnacle of that climb, though, has come in the recently released third season, for which DeLaria was made a series regular, a distinction she hadn't previously enjoyed. "I've been doing this a long time, and this is the first time I've been a series regular," DeLaria says. "I've recurred on many, many, many, many, many things, and it just feels so cool to have it happen — and to have it happen this late in my life is amazing."

DELARIA
GETTY IMAGES

One more thing

For Lea DeLaria, "Orange Is the New Black" has been more than just another gig, as she feels a special connection to the tone of the series that she didn't always experience with other work. "I started as the first openly gay comic to perform on television in America, so I have always been out. My entertainment was always closely tied to my politics, so I feel like I've died and gone to lezzie feminist heaven," she says.

"You're thumbing your nose at the accepted norm that we are basically spoon-fed from the moment we are raised as little girls that there's a certain way you have to look and a certain way you have to be in order to be a girl. I think this show addresses that really, really strongly. It basically says, 'It's OK to be you.'"

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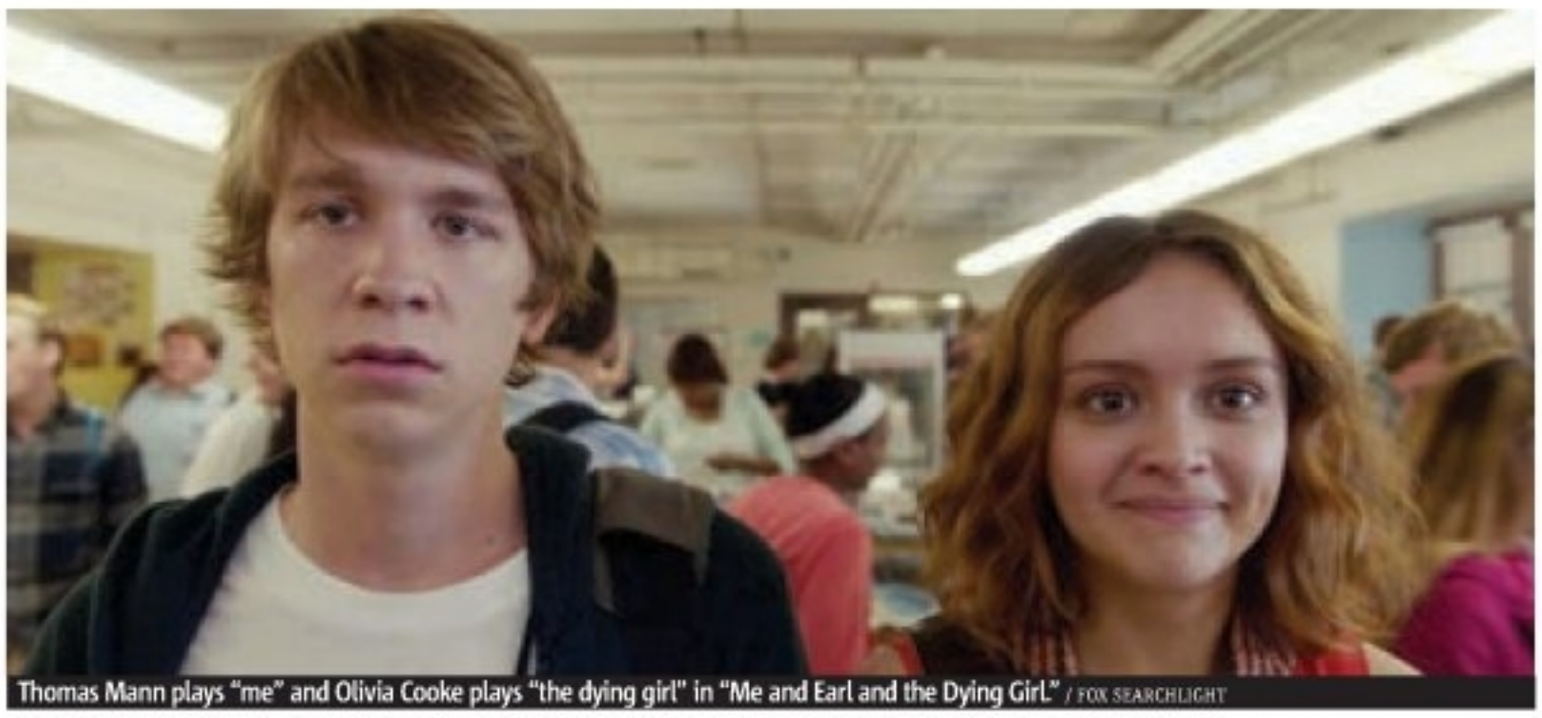
Thomas Mann plays "me" and Olivia Cooke plays "the dying girl" in "Me and Earl and the Dying Girl." / FOX SEARCHLIGHT

Film. Thomas Mann thinks he's already done his best high school role.

Thomas Mann has done a lot of high school movies, but he doesn't think he'll do adolescence better than in "Me and Earl and the Dying Girl," and he'd like to grow up now if that's OK, Hollywood.

You brought both this film and "The Stanford Prison Experiment" to Sundance this year. That had to be a cool experience.
Even if I have another film there, it won't come close to matching the whirlwind experience that this year was. I was just excited to go to Sundance. I felt like those two movies were really a turning point for me. It's like a second phase of my career now, and I'm sort of growing up. And while Greg is an immature character, it's the most mature role of my career by far. And it's the most of myself I've ever had to leave onscreen. So to be recognized in that way for those movies that are both very close to me was awesome.

As an actor, do you get to decide how long you play high school age? Or is that not up to you?
Obviously now I'm trying to get away from it, and I sort of have. In "The Stanford Prison Experiment," I'm playing early 20s, and the next film I'm doing this summer is early 20s. I feel like "Me and Earl" is my quintessential high school movie. I can't go back. I really grew up a lot, both as an actor and just going through the emotional journey that the character goes through and the self-discovery of that. It would be so hard for me to go back and play these old beats.

Mann GETTY IMAGES

The industry may have its own ideas about that, though.
Yeah, and that's fine. I look young, and I can still play 18. I'm just grateful that people want to cast me in anything at all. There's a lot of people who can't find work, so I'm so grateful that I'm able to make a living doing this. And if I have to wait a little bit longer to play early 20s, then that's not a big deal.

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One more thing

What was the process of actually shooting the films within the film that your character makes?
I used to do that when I was in middle school, make parodies of other movies or make YouTube videos or whatever. It honestly felt like that. We just kind of went around in a van, knocked out five of them in a row one afternoon on probably the first day that we shot — switching costumes in the car, going around to all these different locations in Pittsburgh, just kind of stealing these shots. It was very guerrilla-style and very fun. They felt perfectly unprofessional.

'GAME OF THRONES' NEEDS TO DIAL BACK THE SORROW PORN

I hated the "Game of Thrones" finale. I didn't want to, but I did. It was uneven, and it was bleak, even by the standards of the show. It felt like we spent a ton of time rehashing why the bad people were really, really bad and ignoring the story lines everyone wanted to see.

The issue with the finale for me [SPOILERS] wasn't the major death at the end. Aside from the usual "please, someone turn on the lights," my issues were the Arya murder scene and Cersei's walk — perfect examples of piling on the misery past the point of good storytelling.

Arya is my favorite character, but the scene where she murders Meryn Trant in the brothel was overkill. We know he's awful. We know he's a pedophile. We know he totally deserves what he gets. Adding in the other two little girls to be beaten was overkill.

Cersei was another issue. I know actress Lena Headey has defended her, saying that she's done terrible things, but she didn't deserve that extra, ultra, mind-numbingly slow walk of shame. A walk of some sort, yes. Um, lady, you murdered King Robert and Ned Stark. You raised a monster. You were cruel to one brother and slept with the other. You've lied, gotten people arrested … You definitely deserve something.

The way it was shot was the issue for me. I have no problem with nudity. I don't care about her body double. The scene in the book makes perfect sense. Headey did a fine job with her performance. My issue is how long they lingered on it. It was absolutely overkill. How long do we have to watch a woman be humiliated and spit on? I'm not talking about too much nudity here. I know what show I'm watching. I'm talking about the beating a dead horse to a bloody pulp.

Here's the thing: You've created a trope to break down cliches in television. No one is safe. Things are shocking. Great. However, when you overdo it, you become your own cliche. You have to have some sort of balance in a show. If it's all doom and gloom and there is never a light, you're pretty much just showing us sorrow porn.

I'm still going to watch. I'm just hoping for a better run in Season 6.

Geek Girl in Hollywood

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On the "Game of Thrones" season capper, Lena Headey's Cersei, center, received a punishment that was lingered on for far too long. / HBO

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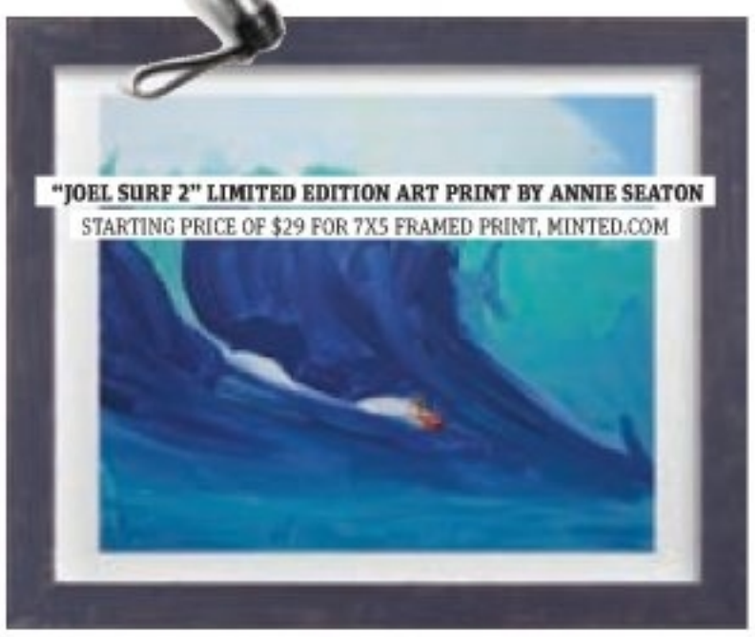

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Franklin Square

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1717 Arch St.

Dine above it all on the 50th floor of Three Logan Square with sweeping views through floor-to-ceiling windows. The location is usually event space Top of the Tower, but on Sundays, they serve an all-you-can-eat brunch buffet for $50 (kids under 2 eat free; kids 3 to 12 pay their age). For Father's Day, there's also a Yards beer tasting included in the price and a photo booth.

PERCY STREET BARBECUE

Playing the sounds of Summer

"I really tried to make a left on this record when I could have made a right. It's nice to do something that feels really valid and honest but at the same time is unexpected."

Summer Fiction's new album, "Himalaya," came out Tuesday. PROVIDED

Bill Ricchini says his newest album has a "happy-lonely tension."

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It's hard to believe that "Himalaya" tumbled out of this decade.

Airy and eerie, Summer Fiction's latest album has a sweet subtlety that feels all but extinct in 2015. And yet, if you've spent enough time on the boardwalk, it's easy to make yourself at home in Bill Ricchini's softened, sun-filtered melodies.

"It felt shimmery and sunny, but it didn't feel warm or hot. It felt a little chilly, like Wildwood in October," says Ricchini of the album, his second released under his solo project. "It had this tension, this pretty-ugly, happy-lonely tension."

Ricchini grew up in Northeast Philadelphia before moving to New York to pursue a music career. But "Himalaya" would require a new setting entirely. "I knew I wanted to make a record this year, but I wasn't really ready to make a record," admits Ricchini. "So I thought if I gave myself this deadline with an adventure, I'd be able to do it. It's a little ironic that I live in Williamsburg and I went to England to make a record, but there you have it."

Recorded in a country house just north of Manchester, "Himalaya" was co-produced with the help of friend and collaborator Brian Christinzio of BC Camplight. The result is a beautiful, nuanced collection of songs that are a little heartbroken, a little hopeful and fully human.

"This is what happened when we lived together for two weeks, making music, eating and drinking in a room," says Ricchini. "It was like the Rolling Stones with 'Exile on Main St.,' minus the smack."

If you go

Summer Fiction record release show

June 20, 8:30 p.m.
Boot & Saddle, $12
www.bootandsaddlephilly.com

Old-school flavor

There's an elegant cohesiveness to "Himalaya," but it came at a price: Some of Ricchini's favorite tracks didn't make the cut.

"Certain groups of songs work together, and some don't — and that can be a little heartbreaking," he says. "Maybe that's old-school, maybe people don't listen to records that way, but I like to listen to albums that way."

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ART

Carol Ashton-Hergenhan: Florescence, Senescence and Regeneration

Through July 2
Twenty-Two Gallery, 236 S. 22nd St., Free, 215-772-1911, www.twenty-twogallery.com
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It may not be an island, per se, but it is a massive playground for cruisers. Located on a whopping 260 acres, the beach is part amusement park, part resort (though the hotel rooms are actually on the cruise ship).

When your ship is in port here, you can spend the whole day lazing in the sun and enjoying the white sand, palm trees and pale blue water without booking a shore excursion.

There are a variety of bars to choose from, with everything from buckets of beers to frozen cocktails, and the restaurants serve casual American barbecue that feels fitting for the beach-holiday setting. Think picnic tables and a buffet of burgers, ribs, hot dogs and corn on the cob. After lunch, you can stroll through the marketplace, where you'll find Haitian crafts for sale and local bands performing.

There are rows and rows of lounge chairs waiting and, if you're one of the first people off the ship when you arrive, it may feel like there's no way this place could ever fill up. There's also a water park with trampolines and water slides sitting right in the surf, as well as a splash park on the land for little kids, with buckets that dump water on the children and toys fitted with hoses and sprays. For a fee, you can also take a ride on the zip line, which stretches out over the water, or even the roller coaster, both of which are fun activities for teens, tweens and grown-ups.

If you want a little more adventure, there are plenty of options — from snorkeling and kayaking to parasailing and boat rides to quieter beaches. **INSIGHT GUIDES | SHERRI EISENBERG**

How to upgrade your Labadee experience

- The easiest way to have a more enjoyable experience is to book a cabana. The palapa-topped cabanas (which cost approximately $200 for the day) fill up fast — in most cases, before you get off the ship, and in some, before the cruise even sets sail.
- Having an open-air bungalow of your own helps give you some private space and a guaranteed stretch of shade, as well as waiter service. Your butler will bring cold water and lunch, and the cabanas come with towels and floats to use in the surf.
- The locations vary: Some are on rocks sitting over the surf, and others are on the beach behind rows of lounge chairs.

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Enjoying this underrated city doesn't require a big budget.

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Nearly 2 million visitors a year browse the galleries and boutiques. The district has nine theaters and more than 50 restaurants. Market Square has free events, from Sunday morning yoga to the Tuesday afternoon kids' play. On Friday nights, the Andy Warhol Museum has half-price admission. Check availability for half-price tickets for shows at **www.livingpittsburgh.com**.

Adjacent to downtown is the Strip District (**www.neighbors-inthestrip.com**). Not at all salacious, its name comes from its location between the Allegheny River on one side and steep hills on the other. It's a thriving, lively neighborhood.

The Heinz History Center and Western Pennsylvania Sports Museum is dedicated to all things Pittsburgh. The Society for Contemporary Craft on Smallman Street presents free exhibits of cutting-edge works by diverse and new talent.

Another great neighborhood is East Liberty, along Penn Avenue. You'll find a more experimental vibe here, with studios and theaters next door to an urban forestry center and a Southeast Asian cooking school. The Penn Avenue First Friday is a community street party with free events and discounted food and drink (**www.pennavenue.org**).

The Carnegie Science Center is worth the price (adults $19, children $12, over 65 pay just $5 on Tuesdays with 20 percent off at the cafe). As entertaining for adults as it is for kids, there are four floors of unusual hands-on exhibits about water, space and robotics.

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♋ Cancer | June 21-July 22 You may be in a vulnerable position if you give in to temptation. Compliments are always welcome, but they may hide an agenda.

♌ Leo | July 23-Aug. 22 Before rushing into a life-altering decision, make sure that you have all the information necessary. Don't burn bridges in your pursuit of new people.

♍ Virgo | Aug. 23-Sept. 22 Don't worry about what your opponents are up to. You are on a fast track to success, and nothing can stop you.

♎ Libra | Sept. 23-Oct. 22 Tension will mount at home if you don't spend some alone time. You'll have regrets if you go head-to-head with an unreasonable family member.

♏ Scorpio |Oct. 23-Nov. 21 You'll have countless distractions today. Discipline and determination will be required if you intend to get to the finish line.

♐ Sagittarius | Nov. 22-Dec. 21 You will be surprised by the ripple effect that will take place if you help others. Your status and popularity will make you a desired companion.

♑ Capricorn | Dec. 22-Jan. 20 Make sure that you stay in sync with what's going on. You will be blamed for someone else's carelessness if you aren't careful.

♒ Aquarius | Jan. 21-Feb. 18 Romance is in your stars, and making special plans for two or getting out and meeting someone new and exciting is encouraged.

♓ Pisces | Feb. 19-March 20 You are in control of your future. By being resourceful, you can attract partners to help turn your dreams into a going concern.

♈ Aries | March 21-April 20 Depression will set in if you overspend. Get a realistic budget in place and start lowering your debt load. Prudent spending habits will ease your stress.

♉ Taurus | April 21-May 21 You should attend a social gathering with people you find stimulating. A trip to an unusual location will trigger an idea. EUGENIA LAST

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Letters to the editor

Senators should vote for Equal Pay bill

Women are being underpaid and no one's talking about it. In fact, we're legally at risk of losing our jobs if we discuss our salaries with our co-workers. The Equal Pay Bill seeks to protect employees' free speech in regard to their salaries, require employers to list the minimum salary in job postings and pay employees according to their skills and responsibilities regardless of gender. We have only until July 21st to urge our senators to support this bill, and I'm disappointed Metro hasn't covered this. This is a conversation we can't afford to keep quiet. JENNIFER CONNOLLY, VIA EMAIL

Sodium info hasn't stopped anyone

Re: 'Awareness is no bad thing for salt intake' (Metro, June 17) I agree with letter writer Tabatha Lopez's utterly brilliant suggestion that we should have labels on prepared foods that indicate their salt content due to all the social evils this might help to allay.

Oh, wait. We do.

It's called "sodium." It's presented on food labels in both milligrams and percent of daily recommended intake, and such labeling was imposed by the FDA about 20 years ago ... yet we're still getting collectively fatter. MICHAEL T. MCGOVERN, VIA EMAIL

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1 Chest muscles
5 Hooray for me! (hyph.)
9 Diva's melody
13 Plant parasite
15 Culture dish goo
16 Sweet cherry
17 Pester playfully
18 Now, to Caesar
19 Give the eye
20 Egg producer
21 Sled event
23 Wouldn't commit
25 Throw hard
26 Roomiest
27 In a clear manner
30 Forum hello
31 Hazard a guess
32 Leaf locales
37 Cheese coating
38 "Don't Be —" (Elvis tune)
40 Actual
41 Sought info
43 Prefix for wave
44 Tried for office
45 Fleck
47 Bribe, informally
50 Split second
51 Discuss tiresomely
52 Storybook bear
53 After deductions
56 Grumpy mood
57 Hair curler
59 Old hag
61 Honeysuckle
62 Alcove
63 Berlin money
64 Look intently
65 Like horror flicks
66 Gullets

Down

1 Hiking trail
2 Fencer's blade
3 Biggers' sleuth
4 Mom's girl
5 Snarled
6 The chills
7 Karate level
8 Pertaining to backup records
9 Dwelling place
10 Gibson, in "Lethal Weapon"
11 Cove
12 Like good brandy
14 Mislead
22 Web addr.
24 Blissful spot
25 Swami or fakir
26 Goods
27 Petty of "Tank Girl"
28 Go — — smoke
29 Five, to Pierre
32 Flower-to-be
33 Pain in the neck
34 Mild expletive
35 Countess's spouse
36 Blackthorn
38 Hitting the hay, slangily
39 Russo or Magritte
42 S&L offerings
43 Threat
45 Posh
46 Apple seed
47 Wish granter
48 River or wine
49 Food consumer
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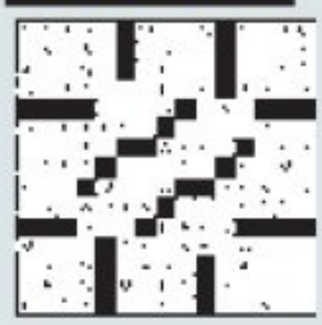

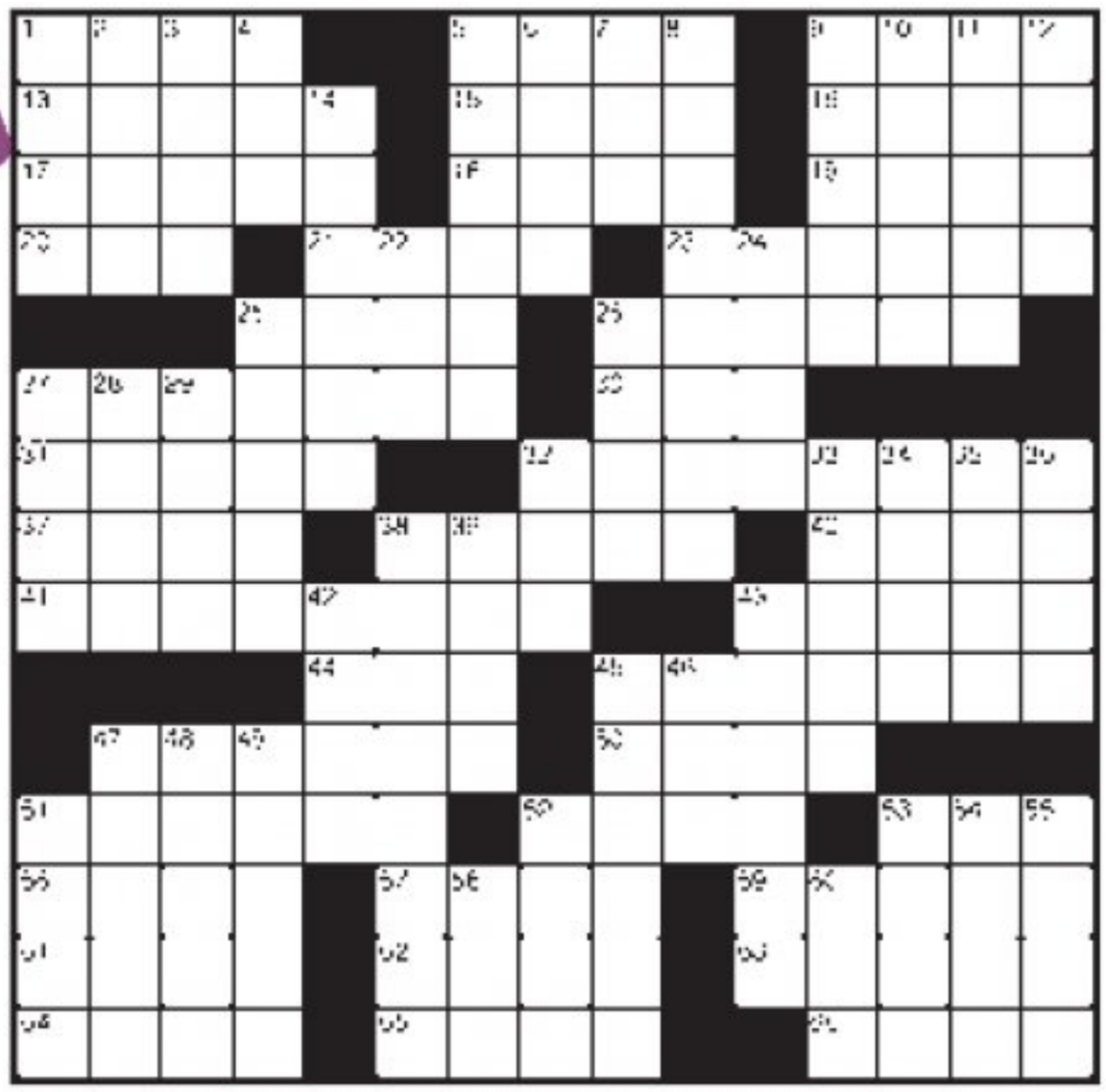

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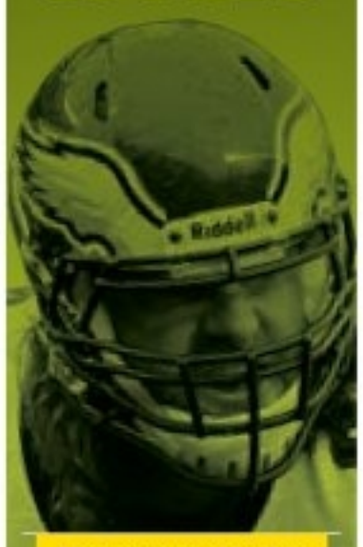

Money over Mathis

Kelly explains release

Eagles head coach Chip Kelly says the team's decision to cut Pro Bowl guard Evan Mathis had nothing to do with his not fitting in with the Birds' culture. When asked about it before Wednesdays mandatory minicamp, the coach said "No, not at all. It's not true. It was a money issue, and we just didn't come to terms on a money issue." Kelly also said that he wished Mathis the best and hopes "he gets what he's looking for."

Curry says Eagles culture is like 'having guys' night'

NFL. Eagles defensive end Vinny Curry seems to think the team's camaraderie is due to Chip Kelly's philosophy.

A lot has been written and contemplated out loud about the Eagles culture: the unwritten laws and bylines that Chip Kelly uses as a code of conduct that determines which players are permitted to compete on his squad.

But on a day-to-day basis, what is it exactly? Eagles defensive end Vinny Curry couldn't say enough about the atmosphere at Eagles minicamp Wednesday.

"You've gotta tip your hat to Coach Kelly," Curry said. "One thing about him, he's one of those coaches, he wants his guys to care about the guys. It's like having a guys' night and you wanna bring your wife. No. It's a guys night. The program is built off culture. You can see the difference between last year and this year. You see [how] someone [can] make a play, and everyone goes crazy. You have to tip your hat to coach, he's been preaching [camaraderie] all along and it's finally coming together."

Curry seems to be in the perfect system, one that values hard work and allows talented veterans to trickle down their wisdom to new or young players.

Curry says he is not concerned about being in a contract year. / GETTY IMAGES

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"I think sack totals sometimes are a little misleading in terms of it's not an individual thing. Sometimes it's a group thing." Chip Kelly

After a career season in 2014, Kelly anticipates a larger role for Curry, even alongside a rich pass rush that includes Connor Barwin, Brandon Graham and Fletcher Cox (not to mention their potent linebacking corps).

"I was rewatching last year," Curry, who broke through for nine sacks last season, said. "We had guys like Brandon and Trent Cole and Connor, you watch the way the carry themselves and the way they practice."

"It depends on the situation," Kelly said of the 26-year-old Curry, "but Vinny will play a little bit of outside and a little bit of inside. He can play a little outside linebacker."

Curry is up to over 280 pounds, but says it is not just strength but also speed, mixed with experience that has made him "a little wiser" and will help spurt his 2015 season.

For the Marshall alum, a player who has close personal relationships with many in the Eagles defensive ends room, it's an ongoing fulfillment of an NFL dream. One he gets to live alongside his pal Cox, a man he got close with during the 2012 NFL combine.

The Eagles pass rush certainly disrupted its fair share of quarterbacks last year (second in the NFL with 49 sacks), and it is undoubtedly a position of strength for the team to build on.

"We were excited about that position," the coach said. "I think it was one, if not our strongest position. … All of those guys have another the year in the system."

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Monster Mathews

Kelly excited to have Murray paired with Mathews

You can't have too much of a good thing. At least in football.

The Eagles have two seemingly similar running backs in DeMarco Murray and Ryan Mathews. But the issue isn't their alike styles, it's stopping them on defense.

"We have a lot of similarities," Murray said. "We both like to run downhill we are both very powerful guys, its going to be trouble for them."

Mathews is a physical beast, one that makes Eagles coach Chip Kelly particularly excited. There are, of course, an endless array of possibilities on how to utilize his wrecking ball runners.

"I don't think you really know how actually big he is until you pull up next to him," Kelly said. "He's almost 230 pounds, and he can really run. He's explosive. I think when he sees a hole, he can change gears and accelerate through it. We're using him a little bit on kickoff return, I think, because of taking advantage of that speed." EVAN MACY

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Chambers Bay the real star as US Open tees off

U.S. Open. Jordan Spieth and Rory McIlroy are among favorites in this weekend's contest.

Rory McIlroy has the game to conquer an exceptionally tough golf course this weekend. / GETTY IMAGES

Prior to a U.S. Open, the discussion almost always centers around which of golf's superstars will play well enough to win golf's most coveted title.

But in this year's contest, even more than usual, the golf course could be the star attraction — regardless of whether Phil Mickelson completes the career grand slam or if Tiger Woods wins his fourth title.

Chambers Bay, located along the Puget Sound in Washington, could just as well be located on the west coast of England. The links-style course redefines undulation and offers golfers a true test — a test many of the game's top pros are unhappy about.

"I think it's just that it can be a tiring week," Henrik Stenson said, "because you can hit some really nice golf shots and end up far, far away from the hole due to the design of the green complexes."

Stenson is still gunning for his first major title, but the reigning Masters champ, phenom Jordan Spieth (who has the second-best Vegas odds at 7-1), welcomes the challenge of a ridiculous 7,585 yards.

"If you are going to talk negative about a place," he said, "you're almost throwing yourself out to begin with, because golf is a mental game."

Favored just a little above Spieth is Rory McIlroy (5-1 odds), who certainly boasts a game that could tame Chambers Bay. And if Phil Mickelson can put together four solid rounds, he could add the only missing trophy from his hall of fame career.

Woods still has hope that he can play at a competitive level again.

"I've got three of these," Woods said with a smile.

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may force 76ers' hand

NBA. If Joel Embiid is sidelined for a while, the Sixers may start considering another big man in the draft.

With the news of center Joel Embiid's latest setback on his right foot Saturday, the status of the Sixers' draft plans could drastically change on June 25.

Embiid, originally expected to miss five to eight months, is now coming up on a full year since his first surgery. According to Yahoo Sports NBA columnist Adrian Wojnarowski, a recent CT scan revealed an issue in the healing process and the Sixers are currently consulting with doctors on how best to proceed.

Point guard D'Angelo Russell, who worked out for the Sixers on Wednesday, seemed to be the player pegged for the Sixers at No. 3 on draft night. But with the recent Embiid news, the Sixers' front office is put into an interesting predicament and one they'll have to evaluate deeply leading up to the draft.

If Embiid requires further surgery, the Sixers might want to think of drafting big again, like they've done in the previous two drafts. Karl-Anthony Towns and Jahlil Okafor are being widely viewed as the consensus No. 1 and No. 2 picks on draft night, but a 7-foot-1 center from Latvia, Kristaps Porzingis, has been gaining steam in recent weeks and will likely be available if the Sixers do intend to go big once again next week.

Sam Hinkie was in Las Vegas this past Friday to see Porzingis work out and is reportedly very high on him. DraftExpress.com currently has Porzingis being taken by the Sixers at No. 3, explaining that his athleticism and shooting stroke would be a great fit in Philly. Porzingis averaged 11.0 points, 4.6 rebounds and 1.0 block per game in just 21.4 minutes for Spanish Club Baloncesto Sevilla this past season. He also shot 42 of 117 (36%) from the three-point line, which is something the Sixers hoped Embiid would provide for the team in the upcoming season.

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Joel Embiid has not played a competitive basketball game since March 1, 2014, more than a year ago, when he had 13 points and 13 rebounds for Kansas in a Big 12 Tournament loss.

Brett Brown has been quoted as saying that Embiid could be the "second-best shooter" on the team, and they were hoping to build their offense (which ranked 30th in the NBA last season) around Embiid being the centerpiece. The recent news throws a wrench into that, and if Embiid does require a second surgery, Porzingis could be a viable replacement. He's drawn comparisons to Dirk Nowitzki, Pau Gasol and Chris Bosh and, at just 19 years old, has plenty of time to grow with this rebuilding team.

Russell, who averaged 19.3 points, 5.7 rebounds and 5.0 assists last season for the Buckeyes, will definitely still be in play on draft night — as will point guard Emmanuel Mudiay, who worked out with the Sixers on Tuesday. Mudiay averaged 18.0 points, 6.3 rebounds and 5.9 steals last season for the Guangdong Southern Tigers of the Chinese Basketball Association. But, outside of Towns or Okafor falling to the Sixers at No. 3 on draft night, expect Hinkie to give some serious consideration to Porzingis, and don't be surprised to see him cross the stage with a newly stitched Sixers cap next Thursday in New York.

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Kimmo returning?

Timonen could work for Flyers

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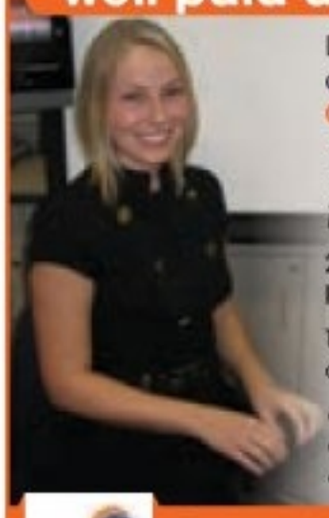
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